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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE SEEK EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF FAHD FOR HIMSELF  
AND KING KHALID ON RABIN TALKS IN WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

A. AS HIS MAJESTY AND PRINCE FAHD KNOW, WE ARE TAKING  
FUNDAMENTAL LOOK AT QUESTION OF HOW NEGOTIATING PROGRESS  
CAN BE REGENERATED FOLLOWING SUSPENSION OF MARCH NEGOTIA-  
TIONS. WE PROCEED FROM DETERMINATION THAT PROLONGED STALE-  
MATE IS UNACCEPTABLE; QUESTION IS HOW, NOT WHETHER STALEMATE  
CAN BE AVOIDED.

B. THE BASIC OPTIONS ARE EITHER REVIVAL OF STEP-BY-STEP  
APPROACH, IN FIRST INSTANCE THROUGH NEW EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI  
INTERIM AGREEMENT IN SINAI, OR MOVE DIRECTLY TO NEGOTIATIONS  
ON OVERALL SETTLEMENT AND PREPARATIONS FOR EARLIER GENEVA  
CONFERENCE THAN WOULD BE NECESSARY IF FURTHER SINAI AGREE-  
MENT ACHIEVED.

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C. FOLLOWING ON SALZBURG TALKS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT, PUR-

POSE OF RABIN VISIT WAS TO REFINE OUR JUDGMENT OF WHAT IS

AND IS NOT POSSIBLE AS WE APPROACH CONCLUSION OF OUR  
POLICY REASSESSMENT.

D. IT WAS NOT OUR INTENTION DURING RABIN TALKS TO REACH  
DECISIONS ON WHAT COURSE OF ACTION WILL BE POSSIBLE. THUS  
THERE IS NO CONCRETE OUTCOME TO REPORT, EITHER ON AID TO  
ISRAEL OR ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.  
WE DID, HOWEVER, REVIEW IN DEPTH PRESENT SITUATION AND  
COURSES OF ACTION OPEN IN MOVING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS FOR-  
WARD.

E. IN REGARD TO THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS, WE  
BELIEVE THERE HAS BEEN SOME EVOLUTION IN THE THINKING OF  
BOTH SIDES ON SOME OF THE ISSUES WHICH PREVENTED CONCLUSION  
OF NEGOTIATIONS IN MARCH, BUT WE ARE NOT YET AT A STAGE TO  
JUDGE WHETHER AN INTERIM AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE. FURTHER  
CONSULTATIONS WILL BE NECESSARY WITH BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL.  
TO SPEED THIS PROCESS, WE HAVE ASKED AMB. EILTS TO RETURN  
IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON SO WE CAN BRING HIM UP TO DATE,  
AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN TO CAIRO TO CONTINUE OUR CON-  
SULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT.

F. IN REGARD TO NEGOTIATION OF AN OVERALL SETTLEMENT, THE  
CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN RECONVENING THE GENEVA CONFER-  
ENCE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED, BUT AGAIN FURTHER THOUGHT AND  
CONSULTATIONS ON ALL SIDES WILL BE NECESSARY.

G. WE WILL ALSO BE SEEING SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM  
IN WASHINGTON THE END OF THIS WEEK TO REVIEW SITUATION IN  
GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY WHAT POSSIBILITIES ARE FOR SYRIAN-  
ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS. WE RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRESS  
ALSO ON SYRIAN SIDE AND WILL ASSURE KHADDAM THAT WE INTEND  
TO DO OUR BEST.

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